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1. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS
SECTION CHEIF KOLBY PHONED EMBASSY JULY 16 TO PROVIDE FURTHER
INFORMATION ABOUT NORWEGIAN POSITION ON DRAFT UNESCO DECLARATION ON
USE OF MASS MEDIA. KOLBY SAID CONCLUSION OF INTERNAL GON AND
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NORDIC CONSULTATIONS WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF USG (REF B) THAT IT

WAS DESIRABLE TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF AND DECISION ON DRAFT DECLARATION BEYOND 19TH UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER. THEY FELT, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL TO RECOMMEND POSTPONEMENT AFTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAD DECIDED THAT THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION SHOULD BE ON THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AGENDA. KOLBY SAID NORWAY AND OTHER NORDICS WERE RELUCTANT TO HAVE DIRECTOR GENERAL MAKE SUCH A RECOMMENDATION WHICH THEY THOUGHT SHOULD COME FROM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. HE SAID THAT THEY WERE HOPEFUL THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL COULD BE DEVELOPED IN THE DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP AND THE ISSUE WOULD BE DEFERRED PAST THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

2. KOLBY SAID ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED AT NORDIC MEETING OF NATIONAL UNESCO COMMITTEES AT WHICH DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL GUNNAR BARBO OF THE PRESS AND CULTURAL DIVISION REPRESENTED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMON NORDIC POSITION HAD DEVELOPED OUT OF THIS MEETING.
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